



# Legislative Background Brief

for the  
Economic Affairs Interim Committee

January 2016

## Board of Livestock

**Administrative Appointments:** By Governor

**Statutorily Established** - 2-15-3102, MCA. Created in 1971 but preceded by various commissions dating back to the late 1800s.

**Board: 7 members.** Appointed by the governor with the consent of the Senate. Each member must be a Montana resident and an active livestock producer. Each member also must have a recommendation from one of four industries: cattle producers; dairy producers, swine producers; and sheep producers. The dairy producer represents the dairy and poultry industry. The governor designates the presiding officer. A member's term is 6 years. Board appoints executive officer.

Members/ Address	History, Representing	Term Expires
John H. Lehfeltd, Lavina Board Chair	Owens and operates Lehfeltd Land & Livestock, north of Lavina and the Musselshell on Current Creek. Member of the Montana Wool Growers Association and the Montana Cattlemen's Association. Represents sheep producers.	3/1/2019
John P. Scully Ennis Board Vice Chair	Owens and operates Tail Feather Ranch in Madison and Gallatin Counties. Attorney in practice in Bozeman, 1972-1986. Served in Montana Legislature for 3 terms and on the Board of Regents and Bozeman School Board. Member of the Montana Stockgrowers Association. Represents cattle producers.	3/1/2019
Nina Baucus, Wolf Creek	Co-owns and operates Sieben Ranch Co. with her husband. A son is now assuming the ranch management. Member of the Montana Stockgrowers Association, the Montana Wool Growers Association, and the Montana Forest Owners Association. Represents cattle producers.	3/1/2017
Brett DeBruycker, Dutton	Owens and operates a Charolais cattle ranch. Past president of the Montana Charolais Association and the Montana Cattlemen's Association. Represents cattle producers.	3/1/2021
Lila Taylor, Busby	Co-owns and operates the Taylor Ranch, a cow-calf operation in the Kirby area, with her family. Served in the Montana Legislature for 3 terms and on the Board of Public Education and the Board of Regents. Also served on the Montana Higher Education Student Assistance Corporation Board and the Student Assistance Foundation Board. Member of the Montana Stockgrowers Association and the Montana Farm Bureau Federation. Represents cattle producers.	3/1/2021
Ed Waldner, Chester	Manages a swine farm. Also runs dairy cattle and is involved in egg production and small grain production. Represents swine producers.	3/1/2017

position vacant Governor's Office says there are some applicants but applications still being accepted.	Represents dairy producers, poultry industry	
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